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Pavement maintenance projects

As part of the City of Newark's ongoing effort to protect and extend the life of its streets, the Public Works Department annually inspects asphalt concrete pavement surfaces to identify areas of potential maintenance and determine the timing and type of appropriate repairs. The types of preventative maintenance performed on our streets include crack filling, patch paving, and slurry seal resurfacing. For those streets in a more deteriorated state, a pavement overlay or even costly reconstruction may be necessary.

Annual pavement overlay, patch paving, and slurry resurfacing projects are an integral part of the City's Pavement Management Program. These projects will be partially funded by Measure BB (approved by voters on November 4, 2014), which extends the existing Measure B tax until 2045 and increases the tax to a total of 1%, and by the Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) program, a \$10 per vehicle annual registration fee approved by voters as Measure F in 2010. These transportation funding programs are administered through the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC).

Pavement overlays typically involve partial or full grinding of the existing surface and placement of a new 2" to 3" layer of asphalt concrete. A completed pavement overlay results in a significant structural upgrade and

provides the appearance of a brand new roadway.

Patch paving consists of the removal and replacement of localized pavement failures. The project typically includes work on streets that will be resurfaced with a slurry seal. It also includes streets where a failure is too severe to correct with a surface patch, but the entire street does not require a structural upgrade with an asphalt overlay.

Slurry seal is a thin coating of a cold mixture consisting of asphalt, oil, water, and rock that seals and protects the pavement from the damaging effects of the sun's ultraviolet light and rain water runoff. Applying a slurry seal is comparable to the repainting of a house to protect its exterior surface. This preventative maintenance process is a cost-effective measure to prolong the life of City streets and maximize the value of previous investments.

It is anticipated that the 2015 pavement maintenance projects will be completed during the summer months. If you have any questions, please contact Associate Civil Engineer, Ms. Trang Tran, at (510) 578-4298 or by e-mail at trang.tran@newark.org.

For further information on Measure B/Measure BB and VRF projects and programs, please visit the Alameda CTC website at <http://www.alamedactc.org/>.

City of Newark Hours of Operation and Contact Information

Newark Civic Center
37101 Newark Blvd. (510) 578-4000
Monday - Friday* 8:00a - 5:00p

Newark Community Center
35501 Cedar Blvd. (510) 578-4852
Facility rentals only

Newark Senior Center
7401 Enterprise Drive (510) 578-4840
Monday - Friday 9:00a - 3:00p

Silliman Activity and Family
Aquatic Center
6800 Mowry Avenue (510) 578-4620

Monday - Friday 6:00a - 9:00p
Saturday 7:00a - 7:00p
Sunday 7:00a - 5:00p
Call for holiday hours/closures and for specific programs and/or open swim times or check our website at www.newark.org.

**Due to budget cuts City offices are closed on alternating Fridays.*

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Spring crime prevention tips

In warm weather months personal property thefts increase; there is a tendency to leave items, such as bicycles, gardening tools, lawnmowers, weed eaters, and other yard tools, lying around in the open. Make sure you lock up your personal property in your garage or yard shed; it doesn't take long for someone to ride by and quickly take your property. An open garage door or yard shed can also be inviting, keep them closed even when you are at home.

Being a good neighbor can be one of the best crime prevention tools. Watchful, attentive neighbors can identify activity that is not "normal" to their neighborhoods and alert the police (911 when an immediate response is needed or (510) 578-5237 in non-emergency situations).

Remember:

- Always remember to roll up your car windows, take any valuables out of your car, and lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.
 - Keep doors locked at all times. If you are working in the back yard, keep your front door and garage door closed and locked; and lock your back door when you are in the front yard.
 - Always lock your doors when you leave, even if you only plan to be gone for a few minutes.
 - During the spring weather, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and sliding doors when you go to bed or leave the house.
 - Install motion-activated lights in your front and back yards, so when someone approaches your home, the lights automatically come on, illuminating that person.
- Put all ladders and other tools back into a secure storage area after you use them. Ladders and other tools can be used by criminals to access your home.
 - Always lock any storage unit or shed you have on your property.
 - Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person.
 - If a utility representative comes to your house, request identification. True representatives will carry their identification and they will gladly show it to you. Call their company for verification.

The ultimate goal of crime prevention is to reduce the risk of being a victim. In order to do this effectively, it is important to remove opportunities for a criminal to take advantage of you or your property.

If you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch in your area please contact:

Tim Jones
Special Assistant
Community Engagement Division
Newark Police Dept.
(510) 578-4209
tim.jones@newark.org

Newark Senior Center

The Newark Senior Center has expanded its hours and will now be open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Join us for FREE! MOVIE MATINEE MONDAYS and FRIDAYS. Weekly movie changes on Fridays. Call (510) 578-4840 for the movie title.

Also, you can participate in a FREE! BILLIARD TOURNAMENT the last Friday of the month, 9:15 am.

Newark police in partnership with Nixle

The Newark Police Department would like to remind you that we are in partnership with Nixle, a community information notification service dedicated to helping people stay connected to the information that matters most in the City of Newark. Once you sign up for the information it is immediately available over your cell phone by text message, by email, and over the web. The Newark Police Department will publish information that our followers need to know immediately. There are four types of messages that the Newark Police Department plans on sharing with our community; Alerts (many would refer to this as an emergency type alert), Advisories (less urgent need-to-know information), Community Information (day-to-day neighborhood to community-level information), Traffic (very localized traffic information).

Nixle's Community Information Service helps keep you and your family safe, informed, and connected to your community 24/7. Anyone can view information by going to www.nixle.com without registering. However, we strongly encourage you to register to customize the information you receive and the locations you receive it from, in addition to receiving information by text message and/or email you must set up an account. Once registered you can personalize your locations and your preferences, making the service fit your needs. You choose where you want to receive your information, whether by text over your mobile device or e-mail. Please visit the Newark Police Department's Nixle page at <http://local.nixle.com/newark-policedepartment-ca> to register for the service. Help make our community a stronger, safer, and better place to live.

Measure B/Measure BB funding at work in Newark

In November 2000, the voters of Alameda County approved the reauthorization of Measure B, a one-half cent sales tax for transportation improvements. Recently, on November 4, 2014, Alameda County voters passed Measure BB with 70% approval. Measure BB extends the existing Measure B tax until 2045 and increases the tax to a total of 1%. The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) administers the proceeds from this continued sales tax.

This year, the City of Newark, in conjunction with the Alameda CTC, will utilize Measure B/Measure BB funds for the 2015 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement Project. This project is coordinated with our annual concrete grinding program to address damaged concrete surfaces within the public right-of-way.

Most raised concrete issues can be corrected through periodic grinding rather than complete replacement. Only severely damaged

sidewalks, curb and gutter, and driveway entrances are removed and replaced with the annual replacement project. The locations selected for replacement are prioritized based on the level of damage. Work associated with the replacement project can also include tree root pruning and root barrier installation to help prevent future damage. The concrete grinding and replacement projects together are successful in helping to maximize public safety and contributing to the City's overall aesthetic appeal.

If you have any questions regarding the 2015 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement Project, please contact Engineering Technician Laura Kelly by telephone at (510) 578-4211 or by e-mail at laura.kelly@newark.org. For further information regarding Measure B/Measure BB projects in Alameda County, please visit the [Alameda CTC website at http://www.alamedactc.org/](http://www.alamedactc.org/).

As drought conditions continue...

Saving water is as important as ever right now and ACWD is offering rebates of up to \$100 per toilet if you replace an older (pre-1994) toilet that uses 3.5 gallons per flush (GPF) or more, with an EPA WaterSense Labeled High-Efficiency Toilet (HET). The Alameda County Water District encourages its customers to take advantage of these rebates. Get cash back on high-efficiency toilets.

HETs are water-efficient toilets designed to use 1.3 GPF or less. Replacing those older toilets can save over 2 gallons of water every time you flush. Please visit www.acwd.org/rebates to learn more about this program and other available rebates. There is a limit of up to 3 rebates per residential unit for the purchase and installation of qualifying toilets. Funding is very limited and may be exhausted quickly, without prior notice.

Caregiver Support Group

The Newark Senior Center will offer a caregiver support group Tuesdays, May 5 – June 30, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

This support group will provide educational, emotional, and social support to caregivers in a safe environment. The first hour deals with the psychological challenges that affect caregivers. The second hour serves as an opportunity to share thoughts, feelings, and to provide help managing common caregiver problems.

Our Caregiver Support group facilitator, May Castañeto, has 20+ years of experience as a caregiver, many years working as a nurse, and is a current doctoral candidate.

Music at the Grove

This summer the City of Newark will once again present its Music at the Grove concert series. The popular summer concert series begins Friday, **June 26**, with the **Big Bang Beat**. There will be three additional concerts:

July 10 *Sage*
July 24 *Patron Latin Rhythms*
August 7 *Stealin Chicago*

All concerts are “on the green” and will begin at 6:30 pm at the Shirley Sisk Grove, Newark Mall Road. Bring a blanket or low-back chair and picnic basket and enjoy the sounds of summer! Please check our website at www.newark.org for more information.

Healthy Kids Fitness Expo

Join us Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for the Healthy Kids Fitness Expo. The Expo will take place at the Silliman Activity and Family Aquatic Center Sports Field Park at 6800 Mowry Avenue in Newark.

Enjoy FREE interactive games and activities, demonstrations, rock climbing wall, slack lines, Kids Zone and inflatables. Visit the vendor fair with local organizations offering activities and products that promote healthy, active lifestyles for kids.



Bulletin Board

City Offices closed

- Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 2015

Operating hours

City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through June 2015 are April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, and June 5 and 19. Police and Fire services, along with the Silliman Activity Center and Aquatic Center, are not affected by this action.

Summer season pass sale kick-off

Purchase your summer season pass Friday, April 10, 2015, at the Silliman Center, and receive 15% off PLUS 2 additional youth guest passes. Offer valid on April 10th only. Check our website www.newark.org for more details.

Family Movie Night - The Lego Movie

Friday, May 1, 2015; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm; Silliman Center Gymnasium; \$7 Pre-Reg/\$10 at the door
Bring a blanket, a pillow, and your entire family to get comfy and enjoy a showing of the box office hit "The Lego Movie". Check-in starts at 6:00 pm. The movie will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. All ages are welcome. Refreshments may be purchased from the Otter Alley Café. No outside beverages will be allowed.

Stagebridge Storytelling and Luncheon

Enjoy lunch Wednesday, May 20, 11:45 am, at the Senior Center and watch these senior storytellers captivate you with their witty, charming, personal and fictional stories, based in the oral tradition of world wisdom. Stagebridge, based in Oakland, California, is the nation's oldest and most renowned theatre company of older adults. Reserve lunch for priority seating; must call by noon, one business day prior.

Father's Day barbecue lunch and entertainment with Chico and the Band

Come enjoy a great barbecue chicken lunch at the Senior Center on Tuesday, June 16, 11:45 am, while listening to music from, Chico and the Band. This group loves to play classic rock, oldies, Motown, and country ranging from the 1960s-1980s. They play songs crowds love to sing and dance along to. Reserve lunch for priority seating; must call by noon one business day prior.

Newark Mariachi Festival

Join us Sunday, July 19, 2015, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm, for the 2nd Annual Free Newark Mariachi Festival at Shirly Sisk Grove, Cedar Boulevard at NewPark Mall. Musical Guest: Mariachi Mexicanísimo Mariachi Halcones de Oakland.

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